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THE FIFTH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT Church convened at the house of worship of the Western Station, corner of Green and Lombard streets, city of Baltimore, Md., at 9 o'clock, A. M., on Tuesday, May 7th, 1850. Brother Geo. Brown was appointed President pro tem., and A. H. Bassett, Secretary pro tem.

Religious services were then conducted by brother Brown, in which all present joined; after which it was, on motion, agreed that the list of Conference be called by the Secretary, and that the respective delegates present their certificates.

Brother B. S. Anderson was, on motion, appointed assistant Sec-

retary.

The list of members of the Conference was then made out from the certificates presented, and from testimony adduced in certain cases, in the absence of a certificate. The list is as follows, the names of those not in attendance being indicated thus (*).

MAINE DISTRICT.

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Ministers.

Laymen.

N. S. Davis,*

A. Ransdell.*

BOSTON DISTRICT.

Thos. F. Norris,

Wm. Wyman.

VERMONT DISTRICT.

Z. Boynton,* M. Smith.*

NEW YORK DISTRICT.

J. J. Smith,

Thos. Brown.

ONONDAGA DISTRICT.

J. H. Richards,*

G. White.*

GENESEE DISTRICT.

Isaac Fister,

E. Foster.*

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT.

Samuel Budd, Jas. Clark.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

J. G. Wilson,

John Porter.

South Carolina District.

James Newbery, H. D. W. Alexander.*

TENNESSEE DISTRICT.

B. F. Duggan,

R. Warner.*

Georgia District.

M'Kendree Tucker, John Bass.

FLORIDA DISTRICT.

Dr. M. Nash,*

ALABAMA DISTRICT.

S. Johnston,

W. Rice,*

B. S. Bibb,*

Bolling Hall,

Edm'd Harrison.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

H. K. Beaver,* S. Goodner.*

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT.

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Azariah Bone,*

David Lane.*

Of the above list, thirty-five members were found to be in attend-Adjourned with prayer by brother

ance this morning, as follows:

Ministers.—Brothers Norris, Wilson, Brown, Cowl, Ragan, Burns, Springer, Bassett, Bagley, Collier, Reese, Whitfield, Paris, Wills, Newbery, Duggan, Tucker, Johnston, Anderson, Lott and Graves.—21.

Laymen. - Brothers Wyman, Deford, Cone, Scott, Carson, Rice, Starr, Burroughs, Woodhouse, Folger, Batchelor, Bass, Hall and Loper.—14.

On motion of brother Starr, it was agreed that the election of permanent officers be the order of the day for to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

On motion of the same brother, the President of the Maryland Conference, (brother W. Collier,) and the Superintendents of the two Stations in this city, were appointed a committee to arrange the appointments for preaching during the session of this General Con-

ference.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Graves.

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT.

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Religion

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PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

J. W. Phillips.
J. H. Deford,
Wm. Miller,
Dr. Z. Kidwell

MUSKINGUM DISTRICT.

Z. Ragan,	A. W. Beatty,*
Geo. Clancy,*	B. S. Cone,
John Burns,	T. Hanna,*
C. Springer,	F. Scott.

was appointed President , TOIRTEIC OINO H. Bassett, Secretary pro.

A. H. Bassett,	D. C. Carson,
J. M. Young,*	J. M'Cabe,*
Jos. White,*	J. Foster, Sen.

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ILLINOIS DISTRICT.

Reddick Horne,	Joel Rice. C. M.

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NORTH ILLINOIS DISTRICT.

Daniel Bagley, S	. Loy.*
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IOWA DISTRICT.

No representatives either sent or announced.

MARYLAND DISTRICT.

Wm. Collier,	Wesley Starr,
Josiah Varden,	J. M. Fooks,
L. R. Reese,	P. B. Hopper,
W. C. Lipscomb,	Alex. Norris.

VIRGINIA DISTRICT.

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R. B. Thomson,		J. J. Burroughs,
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North Carolina District.

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John Paris,		Dr. B.	FI	Folger,
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agreed that members of the Convention who framed the Constitution and Discipline of the Methodist Protestant church, who may be present, be invited to seats within the bar.

Conference proceeded to take up the order of the day, viz: the

election of permanent officers, the President to be first chosen.

On the fifth balloting, it was found that brother Levi R. Reese was duly chosen President, who, on taking the chair, delivered a brief and appropriate address.

On motion of brother Springer, a committee of three was appointed to draft rules of order for the government of the Conference.

Brothers Springer, Starr and Tucker, constitute the committee. Adjourned with prayer by brother Lipscomb.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Conference was opened with religious services by brother Collier. The election of permanent Secretaries was then attended to.

On the first balloting, A. H. Bassett was declared to be duly

chosen Secretary, and B. S. Anderson, assistant Secretary.

Brother Springer, of the committee appointed to draft rules of order, presented the report of said committee, embracing with slight variation the rules heretofore adopted for the government of previous sessions of the General Conference.

The rules were acted upon, section by section, and severally

adopted.

The second rule, varying from that of all previous sessions, is as follows:

Rule 2d. The hours of meeting shall be 9 o'clock in the morning and 2 in the afternoon, and of adjournment 12 and 5.

On motion of brother Hall, the following additional rule was

adopted:

Rule 23. Any member shall have a right to call for the reading of any motion, resolution, report, or the statement of any business before the Conference, for his information, once, before he is required to vote.

On motion of brother Norris, the Rules of Order were adopted en

masse.

On motion of brother Burns, the editor of the Methodist Protestant was requested to have the rules printed in slips, and distributed among the members of the Conference.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Springer.

Thursday Morning, May 9th.

Conference met pursuant to standing rule, and was opened with religious services by brother Budd.

On motion of brother Paris, brother C. W. Denison was admitted to a seat within the bar, as reporter for the Boston Olive Branch.

On motion of brother Collier, brother Frederick Stier, of the Maryland Conference, was admitted to a seat within the bar.

Brother Graves offered a motion that the usual standing commit.

Conference met at $2\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, and was opened with religious services by brother Springer.

The following additional members presented their certificates, and

were admitted to their seats.

Brothers J. Robison and S. Clawson, ministerial, and W. Miller, lay representative from the Pittsburg district.

Brothers Samuel Budd, ministerial, and James Clark, lay repre-

sentative from the New Jersey district.

On motion of brother Graves, it was agreed that the reporters of the several presses of the city be invited to occupy seats within the bar of the Conference, to take such sketches of the proceedings as they see proper for publication.

Brother Wilson moved that ministers of our own and of other churches, who may be present, be invited to honorary seats in this

bodv.

A debate ensued upon this proposition, as it was by some thought opening too wide a door, and the motion was afterwards laid upon the table.

Brother Bassett then moved that brother E. Y. Reese, editor and Book Agent, as an officer of this body, be invited to an honorary seat.

Various substitutes and amendments to this motion were offered, the discussion of which occupied the remainder of the afternoon session. The utmost respect and regard were however expressed towards the brother who was the subject of the motion, by those who opposed the motion lest it should prove an injurious precedent.

The following resolution, offered by brother Wilson, was finally

adopted without opposition.

Resolved, That brother E. Y. Reese, editor and Book Agent, be invited to a seat within the bar, and to participate in any business relating to the paper or Book Concern.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Wilson.

Wednesday Morning, May 8th.

Conference met and was opened with religious exercises conducted by brother Ragan.

The following additional members presented their certificates and

were admitted to their seats.

Brothers J. Varden and W. C. Lipscomb, ministerial, and J. M. Fooks, lay representative from the Maryland district.

Brother S. Morrison, ministerial representative from the Indiana Conference.

Brothers J. J. Smith, ministerial, and Thomas Brown, lay representative from the New York district.

Brother J. W. Phillips, lay representative from the Pittsburg district.

Brother James Foster, lay representative from the Ohio district. On motion of brother Graves, it was, by rising vote, unanimously The President announced the following committees:

On Journals.—Brothers Burns, Smith, Cowl, Wilson, Carson,

Rice, Scott, Thomson and Lott.

On Boundaries.—Brothers T. F. Norris, T. Brown, Budd, Wilson, Robison, Cone, Carson, Morrison, Rice, Bagley, Starr, Burroughs, Batchelor, Newbery, Duggan, Bass, Hall, Lott and Graves.

On Judiciary.—Brothers G. Brown, Varden, Graves, Foster and practicable, to prevent leveleasts from being held as pu

Phillips.

On Executive.—Brothers Springer, Thomson, Duggan, Bass and Numerous applications having been made from mini

Fooks.

Literary Committee. - Brothers Ragan, Deford, Smith, T. F. Norris, Collier, Whitfield, Paris, Bass and Tucker. P. S. Graves and E. Harrison afterwards added. guival adises off guivab adidason

On Means of Grace.—Brothers Whitfield, Wills and Bagley.

On Finance.—Brothers Hall, Woodhouse, Lipscomb, T. Brown and Miller. its discussion easued, during which varionalim bna

On Orders.—Brothers Graves, Morrison and Lipscomb.

On Sabbath Schools.—Brothers Carson, Cowl and Batchelor.

Brother Budd submitted a paper in reference to the case of a brother Timberman, of New Jersey, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Executive.

Brother Lipscomb introduced two resolutions, giving it as the opinion of this General Conference, that the proviso contained in Art. viii, sec. 3, of the Constitution, ought not to be so understood as to prevent an unstationed minister from acting as a delegate to the Annual Conference next preceding the sitting of the General Conference, and requiring that the note at the foot of page 48 of the Discipline be stricken out. The resolutions were referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Brother Graves submitted a resolution to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Book Agent to open accounts and forward books, without the cash in hand, to agents appointed by the Annual

Conferences. Referred to the Literary Committee.

Brother Carson submitted a resolution to the effect that the 7th article of the Constitution be defined, whether a Circuit or Station is entitled to a delegate in the Annual Conference for the President, Conference Missionary, or minister left without an appointment at his request. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Brother Paris introduced a proposition to amend the Discipline, at page 71, sec. 3, entitling Trustees to seats in the Quarterly Conference, as members thereof, provided they be members in full standing, and hold property deeded to them in due form of law, for the use and benefit of the Methodist Protestant Church. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Brother Whitfield submitted resolutions to amend the Discipline at page 100, so as to read, (line 13,) "That this child," when it comes to years of accountability, &c. Also, at page 102, to strike out all of the first sentence, after the words "Dearly beloved." Re-

ferred to the Committee on Means of Grace.

Brother Bagley presented a resolution to strike out the provision

tees be now appointed, but afterwards withdrew it, in view of the introduction of a resolution on the same subject by brother Deford.

The resolution having been read, and an amendment offered by brother Hall having been agreed to, the resolution as amended was

adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the President of the Conference, at his earliest convenience, proceed to the appointment of the following standing committees, viz: committee on Journals, on Boundaries, on Judiciary, on Executive, Literary Committee, Committee on Means of Grace, on Finance, on Orders, and on Sunday Schools.

The number of which each committee should consist was then determined by a separate motion and vote upon each, as follows:

Committee on Boundaries, one member from each district represented; on Journals, to consist of nine; on Judiciary, five; on Executive, five; Literary committee, nine; on Means of Grace, three; on Finance, five; on Orders, three; on Sunday Schools, three.

Brother Graves offered a resolution to the effect that the Discipline be amended at page 35, by adding at the end of section 1 the

following:

"But no person shall be received into full membership under four months, nor then without satisfactory evidence furnished upon an examination by the superintendent, before the Society, of a change of heart."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Brother Morrison introduced a resolution, recommending an amendment of the Discipline at page 36, so that laymen may serve as committeemen in the trial of a minister or preacher, with the consent of the accused.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Brother Whitfield presented a resolution to amend the Discipline so as to recognize but one order of ministers in the Methodist Protestant church.

Referred to Committee on Orders.

On motion of brother Starr, brother Benj. Richardson was admitted to a seat within the bar.

Brother Budd, of New Jersey district, submitted a resolution, to the effect that some alteration should be made in the Discipline on the subject of receiving ministers into Annual Conferences, so as to reconcile the real or supposed discrepancy between the article of the Constitution, page 20, and the Discipline, page 50, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Brother E. Y. Reese, Book Agent, submitted and read the Report of the Directors of the Book Concern, which was, on motion, refer-

red to the Literary Committee.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Lott.

Thursday Afternoon.

Conference was opened with religious services by bro. Newbery. Brother R. B. Thomson, ministerial representative from the Virginia district, appeared and took his seat.

Brother Whitfield, of Committee on Means of Grace, submitted report of said committee, recommending the following amendments

of the Discipline.

At pages 61 and 62, amend so as to read: "To hold lovefeasts, general class meetings, and watch meetings, and appoint prayer meetings; to visit the sick, the poor, the aged and infirm members, as well as those in health and better circumstances. Each superintendent, either of a circuit or station, shall be required, as far as practicable, to prevent lovefeasts from being held as public meetings, and shall use the best regulations he can to accomplish their design, as meetings of religious confidence and edification, and shall take the counsel," &c.

At page 100, line 13, amend so as to read: "Grant, O Lord, that

this child, when it comes to years of accountability," &c.

At page 102, amend so as to read: "Dearly beloved, I beseech you," &c.

Report laid on the table.

The following named communications were introduced by the President, read by the Secretary, and referred to appropriate committees.

Communication from Missouri Conference, referred to Committee on Boundaries.

Letter from Eppes Tucker, of Alabama, referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Letter from Wm. Peebles, Tennessee, referred to Committee on

Boundaries.

Letter from sundry brethren in Mississippi, referred to Committee on Journals.

Memorial from the Methodist Protestant church in Charleston, S. C., referred to Committee on Boundaries.

Letter from W. S. Stockton, Philadelphia, referred to Literary Committee.

Brothers S. Morrison of Indiana district, and D. C. Carson of Ohio district, submitted resolutions of their respective Electoral Colleges, as follows:

1. For the protection of the restrictive rule.

2. To procure the establishment of a branch of the Book Concern in the West.

3. Recommending the purchase of the Western Recorder, that it be made a church paper, and that A. H. Bassett be continued as its editor.

4. Recommending such amendment in the Discipline, respecting church property, that when a society or station becomes extinct, the property thereof shall vest in the Quarterly or Annual Conference.

5. Recommending the insertion of the Declaration of Rights in all future editions of the Discipline. This last item, however, comes

from Indiana, and not Ohio district.

On motion of brother Ragan, the 1st resolution was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, the 2d, 3d and 5th to the Literary Committee, and the 4th to the Committee on Executive. in the Discipline, page 61, requiring the use of tickets, notes, and door-keepers at lovefeasts. Referred to the Committee on Means of Grace.

Brother Smith introduced a resolution passed by the New York Conference, proposing to amend the Discipline, at page 62, so as to read, instead of "No superintendent," &c., as follows: Each superintendent, either of Circuit or Station, shall be required, as far as practicable, to prevent lovefeasts from being held as public meet-

ings. Referred to same committee.

Numerous applications having been made from ministers and churches of various denominations to have their pulpits supplied the ensuing Sabbath, and the committee to arrange appointments for preaching during the session, having found some difficulty in getting consent of brethren to serve, brother Collier, of said committee, asked for instructions in reference to the prerogatives of the committee. A lively discussion ensued, during which various resolutions and amendments were offered. The responsibilities of ministers were brought into view, and the disposition too often manifest to evade duties of the pulpit was pretty well rebuked.

The following resolution, offered by brother Anderson was finally

adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on appointments be empowered to fill all the applications for pulpit service, they giving sufficient notice to the different brethren selected.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Lipscomb.

Friday Morning, May 10th, 1850.

Conference met and was opened with religious exercises by brother F. Stier.

The following additional representatives appeared, and were admitted to their seats.

Brother Alex. Norris, lay representative from Maryland district. Brother Edmund Harrison, lay representative from Alabama district.

Brother Isaac Fister, ministerial representative from Genesee district.

Brother Reddick Horne, ministerial representative from Illinois district.

Brother Springer, of Committee on Executive, submitted report in reference to the case of brother Timberman, of New Jersey, to the effect that the matter appropriately pertains to the Committee on Journals, to which committee it was now, on motion, referred.

Brother G. Brown, of Committee on Judiciary, presented and read a report, recommending the following amendments to the Disci-

pline:

At page 36, sec. 1, line 9, after the word "preachers," insert the following: Provided, however, that laymen may serve with the consent of the accused. Also, at line 20, strike out the words, "ministers and preachers to serve on."

Report laid on the table.

Brother Bagley presented resolutions of North Illinois Conference, recommending the establishment of an Institution of Learning, under the direction and control of the General Conference, that the liberal offer of the Trustees of Madison College, Uniontown, Pa., be accepted, and that the Institution be established there. Referred to the Literary Committee.

Brother G. Brown, of Committee on Judiciary, submitted a second

report of said committee, as follows:

"That in the judgment of this General Conference, no circuit or station is entitled to a lay-delegate for a superannuated minister, or for those ministers left without appointments at their own request or otherwise."

Report, on motion, laid on the table.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Lipscomb.

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Conference opened with religious exercises by brother Paris.

Brother Graves, of Committee on Orders, submitted and read report of said committee, in reference to the proposition to recognize

hereafter but one order of ministers. The committee say:

"They are unanimous in the opinion that the New Testament Scriptures do not fully warrant the existence in the church of such an order of ministers as that of deacon, but from a belief that this question has not received that consideration by our church generally, that its importance demands, respectfully recommend for adoption the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the several Annual Conferences be, and are hereby requested to express in due form to the General Conference of 1854, their wishes in regard to a discontinuance of the order of

deacon in the Methodist Protestant church."

The report was laid on the table.

Brother Springer, of Committee on Executive, reported a proposition (in response to the resolution of Ohio and Indiana Conferences) to amend the Discipline, at page 71, by adding a 5th section to the General Duties of Trustees, as follows:

"5. In case any society or station shall become extinct, by deaths, removals or otherwise, the church property, if any, shall vest in the Quarterly Conference of the circuit, or the Annual Conference where there be no Quarterly Conference, to be disposed of, in erecting meeting houses for the benefit of the church."

Report laid on the table.

Same brother submitted an additional report, recommending that the following proviso be added to the 14th item of the order of busi-

ness, Discipline, page 56.

"Provided, when a President or Standing District Committee, or a majority of them, shall be satisfied of the necessity for so doing, they may change the time or place of holding a succeeding Annual Conference, by giving public notice thereof in the district, at least three months previous to the time of holding such Conference."

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Brother Morrison submitted a resolution, recommending that a President of an Annual Conference and Standing District Commit. tee, be authorized to change the time or place of an Annual Conference, in certain exigencies, by giving due notice. Referred to the Committee on Executive.

Same brother offered a resolution to amend the 2d Article of

Religion, by striking out a part thereof.

Brother Ragan offered an amendment to the resolution, but afterwards, by leave of Conference, the resolution and amendment were

withdrawn for the present.

A motion was made to appoint a Theological Committee. After some debate upon this motion, in taking the vote thereon, the year and nays and a division of the house were called for. is as follows:

MINISTERS.—Yeas—Brothers Smith, Wilson, Brown, Ragan, Bassett, Morrison, Horne, Bagley, Collier, Wills, Duggan, Tucker, Anderson and Lott—14.

Nays-Brothers Norris, Fister, Budd, Cowl, Robison, Clawson, Burns, Springer, Varden, Reese, Lipscomb, Whitfield, Thomson, Paris, Newbery, Johnston and Graves—17.

LAYMEN.—Yeas—Brothers Brown, Deford, Phillips, Cone, Car-

son, Fooks, Norris, Folger, Batchelor, Bass and Loper-11.

Nays-Brothers Clark, Miller, Foster, Rice, Starr, Burroughs, Woodhouse, Hall and Harrison—9.

So the motion was lost, there not being an affirmative vote of a majority in each branch of the Conference.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Whitfield.

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Brother Deford presented a communication from Thomas C. Benning, who had been expelled by the Georgia Conference, and moved that it be referred to the Committee on Journals, together with other documents, and the Journals of the said Conference. The vote upon this motion was taken by yeas and nays, and resulted thus:

Yeas-Brothers Budd, Robison, Clawson, Ragan, Springer, Bassett, Morrison, Horne, Bagley, Paris, Wills, Newbery, Graves, T. Brown, Clark, Deford, Cone, Scott, Carson, Rice, Fooks, A. Norris, Burroughs, Woodhouse, Folger, Batchelor and Loper-27.

Nays-Brothers T. F. Norris, Smith, Wilson, G. Brown, Cowl, Burns, Collier, Varden, Reese, Lipscomb, Whitfield, Thomson, Duggan, Tucker, Johnston, Anderson, Lott, Fister, Miller, Phillips, Foster, Starr, Bass, Hall and Harrison—25.

So the documents were referred.

Brother Deford introduced a preamble and resolution favorable to Literature and a Literary Institution, calling upon the Literary Committee to take action on the subject, and recommend to this body such a measure as they may deem proper for its consideration and Referred to the Literary Committee. adoption.

the Discipline, at page 128, making provision for table supplies, fuel, &c.; striking out the word "allowance," and inserting salary; requiring that the first Quarterly Conference appoint a committee to consider the salary of the minister; and to report what appropriations should be made for his salary, children, table supplies, fuel, rent, &c., and in circuits, a provision for horse-feed.

Referred to committee on Finance.

Same brother submitted a resolution of Maryland Conference, in reference to a Literary Institution, and favorable to the Madison College proposition.

Referred to Literary Committee.

Same brother submitted a resolution of Maryland Conference, asking for an expression of opinion as to the powers of Quarterly Conferences, governing cases of appeal.

Referred to Committee on Executive.

Brother Fister, of Genesee district, submitted a resolution, requiring certain changes in the boundaries of said district, which was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Brother Budd presented a memorial from the New Jersey district, which after being read, was referred to Committee on Boundaries.

Brother Burns submitted a resolution, directing the Committee on Executive to inquire whether the General Conference has power to legislate on the subject of stationing the President of an Annual Conference, by said Conference.

Referred to Committee on Executive.

Brother Bass proposed for the consideration of the committee on Judiciary, the inquiry, what ministers are embraced in the expression, "an efficient itinerant ministry?" found in Art. X, section 7, of the Constitution. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Brother Thomson offered the following amendment to section 10,

of Discipline, under head of Annual Conferences.

"In cases where it is impossible for the applicant to attend, the Annual Conference may appoint a committee of examination in his neighborhood or circuit, upon whose recommendation he may be ordained by the President in the interval of Conference."

Referred to Committee on Orders.

Brother Anderson offered a resolution, to strike out all that part of the Discipline headed, "Allowance to ministers and preachers," and insert the following: "Each Annual Conference shall determine the allowance of the ministers and preachers in its employ."

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Brother G. Brown offered a resolution as the sense of the Conference, that the expression, "repeated admonitions," used in the Discipline, implies at least three admonitions, given by the superintendent or leader, before a judicial investigation can be had in the case.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Brother Ragan offered a resolution, to the effect that on an appeal from the decision of a judicial committee, when the appellant requests the Annual Conference to go into the merits of the cause, the

Brother G. Brown, of Committee on Judiciary, submitted further report, proposing to amend the Discipline at page 50, by striking out

the first part of section 8, and inserting the following:

"Ministers and preachers coming from other denominations, shall first be received by a regularly constituted Quarterly Conference, and may be admitted into the itinerancy, on a recommendation from said Conference, or any other, according to the Constitution, page 20."

Report laid on the table.

Brother T. F. Norris, of Committee on Boundaries, submitted report of majority of said committee, in reference to the memorial of the church in Charleston, S. C., asking to be attached to the Maryland district, to the effect that said church have leave to withdraw its petition.

Same brother submitted report also of minority of said committee (including himself,) dissenting from the views of the majority, and recommending that such alteration of the boundaries of the districts affected, be made, that the church at Charleston, S. C., shall here-

after be embraced in the Maryland district.

The two reports were laid on the table.

Brother G. Brown, of Committee on Judiciary, asked leave to return two papers, and moved that they be referred to the Committee

on Executive, which was agreed to.

Brother Collier, of committee on appointments, announced the appointments for preaching on the ensuing Sabbath. The number of churches supplied by ministers connected with the Conference on to-morrow, is twenty-four.

Conference took into consideration the report of Committee on Judiciary, concerning the right of a circuit or station to send to the Annual Conference a delegate for a superannuated minister, &c.,

submitted on yesterday evening.

A motion was made to lay the report on the table, pending which, Conference adjourned with prayer by brother Budd.

Saturday Afternoon.

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Conference opened with religious exercises by brother Clawson. The order of business was, on motion, postponed, to allow brethren to submit such papers as they wish referred to committees.

Brother Johnston offered the following amendments to the Disci-

pline:

1. At page 71, that an Annual Conference be required to define

the field of labor of a Home Missionary.

2. That in the order of business for Quarterly Conferences, page 47, an item be inserted, as follows: "Call for the Steward's Report."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Brother T. Brown introduced a proposition, declaring that preachers are not laymen. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Brother Collier introduced resolutions of Maryland Conference, touching the support of ministers, proposing sundry amendments to

Monday Morning, May 13th.

Conference opened with religious exercises by brother Johnston. The following additional members presented their certificates, and were admitted to their seats.

Brother P. B. Hopper, lay representative from the Maryland dis-

trict.

Brother John Porter, lay representative from the Philadelphia

district.

Brother Graves, of Committee on Orders, submitted report in reference to the paper to them referred, proposing a modification in the Discipline, at page 50, under the head of Annual Conferences, section 10, for the accommodation of absent applicants for ordination. The committee think that no change in this particular is expedient or necessary.

Report laid on the table.

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Brother G. Brown, of Committee on Judiciary, submitted a report adverse to the propositions of brother Lipscomb, introduced on Thursday afternoon, relative to the formation of the Electoral College.

Report laid on the table.

Same brother also presented report favorable to the proposition of brother Ragan, submitted on Saturday afternoon, that the Discipline at page 52, be amended by adding at the end of sec. 17, a provision for admitting new testimony in cases of appeals, when the appellant requests the Quarterly or Annual Conference to enter into the merits of the cause.

Report laid on the table.

Brother Springer, of the Committee on Executive, made a report in reference to the resolution of the Electoral Colleges of Ohio and Indiana districts, touching the restrictive rule, asking to be released from further consideration of the subject, as in their judgment the Constitution throws around said rule sufficient guards.

The request of the committee was concurred in.

Same brother submitted further report of Committee on Executive, in reference to the inquiry of brother Burns, as to the constitutionality of stationing the President by an Annual Conference, advising that the next General Conference be called upon so to alter article xi of the Constitution, as to authorize the Annual Conference to give the President a stationary appointment when it sees proper.

Report laid on the table.

The following communications were presented by the President,

and read by the Secretary.

- 1. From the ministerial delegate elect of the Onondaga Conference. Referred to Committee on Boundaries and Literary Committee.
- 2. From the delegates elect of the Texas Conference. Referred to Committee on Boundaries.
- 3. From Rev. Dr. J. G. Morris, of the Lutheran Church, in reference to Gettysburg College. Referred to Literary Committee. Brother Hopper presented a resolution, instructing the Committee

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Annual Conference is authorized to make any modification in the report of the judicial committee it may see proper.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Brother Wills offered a resolution for amending the Discipline, so as to admit written evidence in certain cases, in the trial of members or ministers.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Brother Carson offered a resolution, that a book be compiled and published, embracing the Constitution and Discipline, and as many of our hymns as can be placed in a volume for the price of 25 cents.

Referred to Literary Committee.

Same brother offered a resolution to inquire into the propriety of setting off an Annual Conference District embracing the Territories of Oregon and California, which was referred to Committee on Boundaries.

Same brother submitted also a resolution to the effect that an Annual Conference has power to transfer a minister to the unstationed list, whom they cannot profitably employ, which was referred to Committee on Executive.

Brother Scott offered an amendment to Discipline, page 120, providing that the allowance of a minister or preacher shall be any amount agreed upon between the circuit or station and himself; but when no such agreement is made, then the allowance shall be as in the Discipline.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Brother Phillips offered an amendment to the Discipline at page 66, by adding, at the close of section 2, a provision, requiring that such book or paper be presented to each Quarterly Conference for its examination.

Referred to Committee on Executive.

Brother Whitfield offered resolutions, advising that there be a reprint of brother McCaine's Defence of the Truth, with the consent of the author. Likewise resolutions advising a re-publication of the numbers in the Boston Olive Branch, signed "An Impartial Hand," in the Methodist Protestant, and in pamphlet form, with the consent of brother T. F. Norris, and of the author of the numbers.

Resolutions referred to Literary Committee.

Brother Cowl introduced a memorial from the Quarterly Conference of Manchester circuit, (Va.,) Pittsburg district, asking that a more definite expression be given upon the sinfulness of slaveholding, than was given by the last General Conference, and that the extent of the power of the Annual Conference to legislate on the subject be defined.

The memorial having been read by the Secretary, brother Ragan moved that it be referred to Committee on Executive. After a friendly and fraternal interchange of sentiments by numerous brethren from both North and South, the motion to refer prevailed.

from the decision of a judicial committee, when the appellant requests the Annual Conference to go into the merits of the cause, the

Adjourned with prayer by brother Horne.

Brother G. Brown, of Committee on Judiciary, submitted a report in reference to the paper of brother Wills, referred to said committee, in reference to taking absent written testimony in church trials. The committee recommend an amendment to the Discipline at page 37, requiring that when written testimony is to be taken, due notice shall be given to the opposite party, &c.

The committee further recommended that a paragraph be inserted at page 67 of Discipline, requiring that at least three admonitions shall be given to the offender, by the superintendent or leader, be-

fore a committee of inquiry is appointed.

Report laid on the table.

Same brother submitted report of same committee, in reference

to the inquiry of brother Bass, to them referred, as follows:

That by the words "efficient itinerant ministry," is to be understood all those ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church, who take work under the stationing authority, and diligently and faithfully perform it to the best of their ability, &c.

Report laid on the table.

Brother Burns, of Committee on Journals, submitted report of said committee, touching the case of T. C. Benning, to them referred; to the effect that from the Journals of the Georgia Conference alone, they are not able to determine whether the proceedings of trial were regular or not, but from the other papers they are of opinion that the provisions of Discipline were not fully complied with in the case.

Report laid on the table.

Brother Porter submitted an inquiry as to what extent the Constitution confers upon females and minors the right to vote in church matters.

Referred to Committee on Executive.

Brother T. F. Norris, of Committee on Boundaries, submitted report to the effect that the subject matter of the letter of Wm. Peebles, to them referred, does not come under the cognizance of the committee.

The committee also recommend certain alterations in the boundary line between the Genesee and Pennsylvania districts.

Report laid on the table.

The President announced the following committees:

Select Committee in reference to the Philadelphia Conference—Brothers Hopper, G. Brown, Deford, Paris and Burroughs.

Standing Committee on Statistics—Brothers Bassett, Wills and A. Norris.

On motion of brother Burns, the Minutes of the Philadelphia Conference were referred to the above named select committee.

Brother Smith, by leave, submitted a preamble and resolution, to the effect that this General Conference confirm the boundary, mutually agreed upon by the New York and New Jersey Conferences between their respective districts, and that the same be established, as follows, viz:

"Beginning at the mouth of the Raritan river, and running up

on Judiciary to inquire into the constitutionality of the acts of the Philadelphia Conference, in its organization, and also into the propriety of the re-annexation of portions of the Philadelphia district to the Maryland district.

On motion of brother Starr, a select committee of five was ordered

to be appointed to investigate the subject.

On motion of brother Hall, an additional standing committee was ordered to be appointed, to be called Committee on Statistics, to which all papers having reference to the statistics of the church are referred.

On motion of brother Whitfield, the 2d Rule of Order was so altered, as to make 8 o'clock, A. M., and $2\frac{1}{2}$ P. M., the hours of the meeting of Conference, and 1 and 6 o'clock, P. M., the hours of

adjournment hereafter.

Brother Budd introduced a proposition to amend the Discipline, page 39, so that when a charge of personal offence or slander is brought against a minister or member, it be required to wait on the person privately, then take one or two more, before it can be brought before the committee or society.

Referred to Committee on Executive.

Conference took into consideration the report of Committee on Means of Grace. A motion was made to adopt the first item of the report, pending which motion,

Conference adjourned with prayer by brother Bagley.

Monday Afternoon.

Conference opened with religious exercises by brother Newbery. The entire afternoon session was occupied with a discussion of the first item of the report of Committee on Means of Grace, proposing to amend the regulations of Discipline touching lovefeasts, omitting all reference to tickets, notes of admission and door keepers, submitted on Friday last. On the motion to adopt, the yeas and nays were taken by order, and the following is the result:

MINISTERS.—Yeas—Brothers Smith, Fister, Wilson, Morrison, Bagley, Whitfield, Wills, Anderson, Duggan and Tucker—10.

Nays—Brothers Budd, Brown, Ragan, Burns, Springer, Bassett, Collier, Reese, Lipscomb, Thomson, Paris, Newbery and Johnston—13.

LAYMEN.—Yeas—Brothers Clark, Woodhouse, Batchelor, Bass,

Hall, Harrison and Loper—7.

Nays—Brothers Brown, Miller, Phillips, Cone, Scott, Carson, Foster, Rice, Starr, Norris, Hopper, Burroughs, Folger and Porter—14.

So the motion to adopt was rejected.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Smith.

Tuesday Morning, May 14th.

Conference was opened this morning with religious services by brother Burns.

Brother Burns, of Committee on Journals, submitted a report that no action should be had in the matter complained of in reference to the Mississippi Conference, as we are not furnished with the minutes of said Conference, and the letter communicated is unofficial.

Same brother submitted report also in reference to the case of J. Timberman, to them referred, that in their opinion the New Jersey Conference acted unconstitutionally, in that they received said Timberman without proper testimonials, and as those testimonials have not been presented, the committee conceive that said Timberman is not in the power of the New Jersey Annual Conference.

Same brother submitted report also in reference to the Minutes of the Maryland Conference, that at its late session said Conference did receive by special vote as delegate, brother W. C. Lipscomb, an unstationed minister, contrary to the law requiring that the delegates be laymen, at the session next preceding the General Conference.

On motion of brother Budd, the report on the case of J. Timber-

man was adopted.

The other reports of the committee were, on motion, laid on the table.

Brother Ragan, chairman of the Literary Committee, submitted and read reports of majority and minority of said committee, in reference to a Literary Institution.

Brother Deford, member of same committee, likewise submitted

and read a report.

After some time being occupied in colloquial interchange, in reference to the several reports, it was agreed that the whole be referred to a special committee of five.

Conference resumed the consideration of the third item of the re-

port of Committee on Means of Grace.

Amendments were offered, but were rejected or withdrawn.

The motion to adopt the 3d item of the report was lost. Yeas 14, nays 27.

Brother Whitfield moved that the Committee on Means of Grace, be discharged from further duties of said committee. Lost.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Clawson.

Wednesday Morning, May 15th.

Conference was opened with religious exercises by brother Morrison.

Brother S. Johnston, proposed the inquiry whether we should baptize an adult who had been baptized in infancy, and who has experienced the regeneration of the Spirit. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Brother Cone moved to invite to a seat within the bar, brother W. L. Baldwin, of the Muskingum Conference. The motion was amended so as to extend the courtesy to all our ministers who may

be present.

The President announced the special committee in reference to a Literary Institution, as follows: brothers A. Norris, Lipscomb, Phillips, Thomson and Fister. On motion of brother Springer, brother

said river to New Brunswick to Easton, on the Delaware river, following the turnpike from New Brunswick to the latter place."

Referred to Committee on Boundaries.

Same brother offered a resolution to amend the Discipline, at page 113, by striking out the word "all" in the 9th line from the top,

which was referred to the Committee on Means of Grace.

Same brother submitted resolutions of the New York Annual Conference in favor of removing the word "white" from the 12th Article of the Constitution, as the said Annual Conference is of opinion that it is injurious to our cause and subversive of our principles as a church, and that its removal would be no injury to the Southern section of our church, they having full power guaranteed to them by the Constitution to make their own regulations, subject to the restrictions of that document and of the Holy Scriptures.

Brother Smith moved to refer the resolutions to the Committee on

Executive.

Brother Budd moved to lay them on the table indefinitely, and to request the Secretary to inform the New York Conference respectfully, that the resolutions relate to a subject over which the Constitution gives us no power.

After some discussion, the previous question was called for, and the yeas and nays were taken on the motion to refer, and the follow-

ing is the result:

MINISTERS.—Yeas—Brothers Norris, Smith, Fister, Wilson, Brown, Cowl, Robison, Clawson, Ragan, Burns, Springer, Basset, Morrison, Bagly, Collier, Varden, Reese, Thomson, Paris, Newbery and Graves—21.

Nays-Brothers Budd, Whitfield, Wills, Duggan, Tucker, Johns-

ton and Anderson—7.

LAYMEN.—Yeas—Brothers Wyman, Brown, Clark, Miller, Phillips, Cone, Scott, Carson, Foster, Rice, Starr, Norris, Hopper, Burroughs, Folger, Bass, Loper and Porter—18.

Nays-Brothers Batchelor, Hall and Harrison-3.

So the resolutions were referred to the Committee on Executive. Conference resumed the consideration of report of Committee on Means of Grace.

The second item of the report, proposing an amendment of the form of infant baptism, page 100 of Discipline, on a motion to adopt, was rejected. Yeas 18, nays 19.

The third item of the report, proposing an amendment in the form of baptism of adults, Discipline, page 102, was then considered.

A motion was made to adopt, pending which,

Conference adjourned with prayer by brother T. F. Norris.

Tuesday Afternoon.

In the absence of the President, Conference was opened with religious exercises by brother G. Brown, under direction of the Secretary.

On motion, brother G. Brown was requested to take the chair for the time being.

tracted unhappy dissensions in the district, and whereas there are not a sufficient number of ministers to supply the wants of the stations, and whereas also a large portion of the members of the church desire to be annexed to the Maryland district, the committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the bounds of the Maryland district be so ex-

tended as to embrace the present Philadelphia district."

Report laid on the table and made the order of the day for to morrow, 10 o'clock.

Brother T. F. Norris, of Committee on Boundaries submitted sev-

eral reports, as follows:

1. Recommending to sanction the change of boundaries between the New York and New Jersey districts, as agreed upon by those Conferences.

2. Recommending to recognize the Missouri Conference.

3. Recommending to set off Oregon with Upper and Lower California, as an Annual Conference district, to be known by the name of the Oregon and California Conference.

4. Recommending to recognize the Texas Conference.

5. Report of majority of the committee, recommending to annex the New Jersey Conference, with its own consent, to the Philadelphia Conference.

6. Report of minority of the committee, dissenting from the last

mentioned report.

The several above mentioned reports, presented by brother Norris, were (after some discussion of the merits of the first) laid on the table.

Conference took into consideration the report of the committee on Journals, in reference to the Georgia Conference vs. T. C. Benning, which report was submitted on yesterday, and laid on the table.

A motion was made to adopt, pending which,

Conference adjourned with prayer by brother Foster.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Conference opened with religious exercises by brother Wills. The following resolution was introduced by brother Hopper:

Resolved, That this Conference, having no appellate jurisdiction in criminal cases, the report of the Committee on Journals, in the case of T. C. Benning, now before us, be indefinitely postponed.

After some debate, the mover, by leave, withdrew the resolution. Brother T. F. Norris renewed the resolution, which was finally adopted.

The yeas and nays having been called for, the vote upon the

adoption of the resolution stands as follows:

Yeas—Brothers T. F. Norris, Smith, Fister, Wilson, Cowl, Springer, Bassett, Morrison, Collier, Reese, Lipscomb, Whitfield, Paris, Duggan, Tucker, Johnston, Anderson, Lott, Miller, Starr, Hopper, Burroughs, Bass, Hall, Harrison and Loper—26.

Nays-Brothers Budd, Robison, Clawson, Ragan, Burns, Bagley, Varden, Thomson, Wills, Newbery, Graves, T. Brown, Deford,

Deford was afterwards added to the committee. And brother Norris having declined, brother Burns was appointed in his stead, chairman of the committee.

A communication was introduced and read from N. T. Catterlin, delegate elect from the Wabash district, respecting the boundary between the two districts in Indiana, which was referred to Committee on Boundaries.

Brother Springer, of Committee on Executive, made a report in reference to the letter of Eppes Tucker, that they ask to be excused from further consideration of the subject, as the principal topic of the letter has been acted on as the report of the Committee on Means of Grace.

Report adopted and committee excused.

Same brother presented further report of same committee, in response to the proposition of brother Budd, and proposing an amendment to the Discipline, at page 39.

Report laid on the table.

Same brother submitted report of Committee on Executive, upon the papers from Manchester circuit, Pittsburg district, and from the

New York Conference, relative to slavery and suffrage.

"The committee are of opinion that the General Conference has not jurisdiction over the subject of slavery, unless it were clothed with conventional powers, that question being left exclusively with the Annual Conferences. See Discipline, page 21, item 3d of Constitution: that if the Conference even had power over the matter, it would not under the circumstances, be expedient to act thereon. As it is made at this time, a matter of political agitation before the country, they could not act in the premises without being liable to the charge of political partisanism; that it is the duty and privilege of professing Christians to act, in such cases, as citizens, but not in their ecclesiastical capacity, as the laws and usages of this country do not countenance church interference with political questions."

On motion, the report was amended by striking out all after the

word "constitution."

After some debate, on motion of brother George Brown, the report was recommitted.

Brother Hopper submitted the following report:

"The committee to whom was referred the proposition to inquire into the organization of the Philadelphia Conference, &c., beg leave to report that upon the examination of the Journals of the Philadelphia district, they find that in November, 1846, the Conference was regularly organized; but we find that at the second Conference which met in March, 1847, it did act unconstitutionally, in changing established stations into missions, thus taking them from under the restrictive rule. The committee therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That this Conference annul the proceedings of the Philadelphia Conference in regard to its division of the district into

missions, with a view to avoid the restrictive rule.

"Whereas, the unconstitutional action of the Conference has pro-

to meet the second Wednesday in October, 1847, but the Conference was not convened till the 29th of October. For this change we find no authority. The committee recommend that a resolution be passed, authorizing the President and Standing District Committee (unanimously concurring) to change the time or place of the meeting of an Annual Conference, when exigencies require, giving due notice of the same.

2. The committee call attention to an act of the Muskingum Conference, setting off the Cadiz appointment from the Mount Pleasant circuit, to Cadiz Mission, when both the delegates did not concur in said action. Committee propose the inquiry for the decision of this Conference, whether an Annual Conference has power under any circumstances thus to set off an appointment, without the concur-

rence of the delegate or delegates respectively.

3. The committee find that the Philadelphia Conference did, at its last session, refer charges presented against one of its members for investigation, according to Discipline, page 48, and then did summarily transfer the said member to the unstationed list; and that a protest was entered against the proceeding by several members of the Conference, for the purpose of bringing the subject before this body for its decision.

The above reports were laid on the table.

Brother Burns, in behalf of Select Committee in reference to a Literary Institution, submitted and read a report of considerable

length.

The committee express their sense of the necessity of an Institution of learning for our church, believing that her union and success alike demand it, and recommend the adoption of "Regulations for the establishment of a college, to be under the patronage and control of the Methodist Protestant Church."

Section 1. Proposes that there shall be a college established by the Methodist Protestant Church, in Uniontown, Pa., at Madison College, or such other point as will best accommodate the whole church, having due regard to position, facilities, health, &c.

Sec. 2. Provides that five commissioners, one each from the East, West, South and North, and one from Uniontown, be appointed to proceed to view said college and other situations which may be offer-

ed, and determine the location.

Sec. 3. Requires the commissioners to report the same to the next Annual Conference of the district in which it may be located, and that they do not involve the church in debt by the purchase of col-

lege, grounds, or buildings.

Sec. 4. Provides that the commissioners proceed at once to ascertain the cost of repairs, improvements or other expenses, deemed proper or necessary, and make report thereof to the said Annual Conference, and to the Book Committee, with a plan for raising the funds necessary to be expended, from the various Annual Conferences, which plan is to be communicated by the Book Agent to the Presidents of the several Annual Conferences, who shall take measures for raising the amount.

Phillips, Cone, Scott, Carson, Foster, Rice, Woodhouse, Folger and Batchelor—22.

On motion of brother Bassett, the hour of meeting in the morn-

ing was again changed to 81 o'clock.

The reports of majority and minority of the Committee on Boundaries, relative to the application of the church in Charleston, S. C., to be attached to the Maryland district, were now called up.

Brother Newbery moved that the report of the minority be adopted. Near the moment of adjournment, the order of business was suspended and a motion was made to refer again the Journals of the Philadelphia Conference to the Committee on Journals, which was carried.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Stier.

Thursday Morning, May 16.

Conference was opened with religious services by brother S. B. Sutherland, under the direction of the Secretary, the President being absent.

On motion, brother Collier was appointed chairman pro tem.

Brother Ragan, chairman of Literary Committee, submitted report in relation to several propositions referred to said committee, viz: to establish a Book Concern in the West, to insert the Declaration of Rights in future editions of the Discipline, to republish certain works of Rev. A. M'Caine, and to purchase the plates of Whitehead's Life of Wesley.

Report laid on the table.

Brother Springer, of Committee on Executive, submitted again the report of said committee, concerning slavery and kindred subjects, (which was on yesterday recommitted,) as follows:

"The Executive Committee to whom was referred the paper from Manchester circuit, of the Pittsburg district, referring to the subject of slavery, and the resolutions of the New York Conference, recommending to strike out the word "white," from the Constitution, Art.

12, beg leave to report in general terms:

"That they are of opinion this General Conference has no jurisdiction over the subjects referred to in those papers. In reference to the request of the Manchester brethren, asking this body to define the powers of the Annual Conferences to "legislate on the subject of slavery," they do not think that the General Conference should assume the right to expound the Discipline for the Annual Conferences, but that each Annual Conference is to judge of such matters as are referred to them by the Constitution respectively for themselves, and are only held responsible to the General Conference, when in their judgment they shall have passed "rules or regulations" contravening the Constitution."

The above report was, on motion, adopted.

Brother Burns, of Committee on Journals, submitted several reports.

1. The committee find in the Journals of the Indiana Conference an irregularity. At the session of 1846, the Conference adjourned

Friday Morning, May 17th.

Conference met, and was opened with religious services by brother Cowl.

Brother Batchelor, (in behalf of brother Carson, chairman of Committee on Sabbath Schools, who was absent,) submitted and read

the following report:

"The Committee on Sabbath Schools ask leave to report, that having had the subject under consideration, we believe that no former General Conference has taken action upon the subject, but we are happy to state that we have some flourishing Sabbath Schools in our work; but at the same time we are compelled to admit that there is not as deep an interest felt in them as we could wish. Your committee are of the opinion that Sabbath Schools are the great auxiliary and nursery of the church, and the shadow of a rock to the rising generation. Here the youth may be taught lessons of morality, before evil has corrupted the heart; here they are taught the first principles of Christianity, before their affections are blunted with vice; here they are taught to commit the holy word of God, making its indelible impression on their minds. Here they are shielded from the evil of Sabbath breaking, and here they are taught to love one another.

"Your committee therefore recommend the striking out the 7th section of the Discipline, page 62, under the head of 'Duties of

Superintendents,' and inserting the following:

"That each superintendent organize, as far as practicable, Sabbath Schools at each appointment within his charge, and report to the ensuing Annual Conference the number of Sabbath Schools, superintendents, teachers, scholars and volumes in library."

Report laid on the table.

Brother Ragan, of Literary Committee, submitted an additional report, having reference to the following topics submitted for the consideration of said committee: whether the Book Agent shall furnish books to Agents of Annual Conferences without the cash in hand; the publication of a selection of hymns to be bound up with the Constitution and Discipline; the proposed purchase of the printing materials of the Onondaga Conference; and the purchase of the Western Recorder establishment.

Report laid on the table.

Another report was now read by brother Harrison, in behalf of same committee, on the condition of the Book Concern, and embracing nine several resolutions, which report was also laid on the table.

Brother Hall, of Committee on Finance, submitted two reports, adverse to the propositions, respectively, of brothers Anderson and Scott, presented on Saturday last, which reports were laid on the table.

Same brother submitted a report, concurring in the propositions of the Maryland Conference, to amend the Discipline at page 128, in reference to the allowance (or salary) of ministers, which report was also laid on the table.

Brother G. Brown, of Committee on Judiciary, submitted a report

Sec. 5. Provides that the Trustees shall appropriate and expend the funds raised to the objects of the Institution, under the direction of the commissioners, and report to the Annual Conference yearly, until the next session of the General Conference, when a full report of the proceedings shall be made to that body.

Sec. 6. Provides that the faculty of the college shall be elected, and their salaries fixed, by the General Conference, but that the

Book Committee shall fill vacancies, &c.

Sec. 7. The Trustees to have power to appoint fiscal agents, pay

the professors, &c.

Sec. 8. The college not to be opened until the repairs and improvements are made, and it is ascertained that a sufficient number

of students can be had to justify a commencement.

Sec. 9. A Professor of Languages, a Professor of Mathematics, and a Professor of Theology to be elected, one of whom shall be President of the College, and such other Professors and Teachers as necessity shall require.

Sec. 10. Provides that the traveling expenses of the Commissioners shall be paid by the Book Agent, out of any funds in his hands.

The report was, on motion, laid on the table.

Brother Whitfield, of Committee on Means of Grace, made a report, recommending to strike out the word "all" in the 9th line, page 113, of the Discipline, which report was adopted.

Brother T. F. Norris offered a resolution, directing the Book Agent to issue an edition of the Hymn Book in duodecimo size,

which resolution was laid on the table.

Conference took into consideration the report of majority and minority of Committee on Boundaries, in reference to the church in Charleston, S. C. The report of minority was acted upon. Amendments offered by brothers Reese and Woodhouse, were agreed to, and the report adopted. It provides that the boundaries of the Maryland district shall be so extended as to include the station at Charleston, S. C., provided the South Carolina Conference, at its next session, shall concur in the arrangement, and transmit its resolution of concurrence to the Maryland Conference, at its next session; and provided also, that whenever the South Carolina Conference, and Charleston station shall desire to be re-united, the Maryland Conference shall agree thereto.

The report of Select Committee respecting the Philadelphia Conference was called up for consideration, and the first item adopted.

Pending a motion to adopt the second item, Conference adjourned with prayer by brother Springer.

Thursday Afternoon.

Conference opened with religious exercises by brother Carson.

The entire afternoon session was occupied with the discussion of the second item of the report on the Philadelphia case, which item was at a late hour adopted. For this report, see proceedings of preceding day.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Springer.

shall have authority to appoint laymen to advise and counsel the superintendent, in all important acts of his administration. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Brothers Woodhouse and Burroughs asked and obtained leave of

absence from the further sittings of this Conference.

Conference resumed the consideration of the 3d item of the report

in reference to the Philadelphia Conference.

Brother Wilson offered as an amendment, that we recommend to the several Annual Conferences to call a General Convention, for the purpose of altering the 7th section, Art. X. of the Constitution.

Pending the discussion of the amendment, Conference adjourned

with prayer by brother Thompson.

Friday Afternoon.

Conference opened with religious services by brother Tucker.

The consideration of the report on the Philadelphia case having been renewed, brother Wilson, by leave, withdrew his amendment.

After a somewhat prolonged discussion, the 3d item of the report was adopted.

The 4th item of the report was considered and adopted. [For the

report see proceedings of Wednesday last.]

On motion of brother Wills, it was agreed that the present order of things in the Philadelphia district remain as it is until the next session of the Maryland Annual Conference, at which time the churches now embraced in the Philadelphia district shall send their delegates to the Maryland Conference.

Brother T. Brown offered a resolution to the effect that the delegates of the various circuits and stations in the Annual Conferences, have a right to appear before the stationing authority to make known the wants of their constituents, and that this be appended to the Discipline.

Referred to the Committee on Executive.

On motion of brother Deford, Conference took up the report of Committee on College interests, which was submitted on yesterday morning.

Same brother moved the adoption of the report.

When the hour of adjournment arrived, the session was prolonged

for a time, when

Brothers Deford and Hopper asked and obtained leave of absence from the further sittings of the Conference, in case they find it necessary to retire.

Pending the motion to adopt the report on College interests, Con-

ference adjourned with prayer by brother Duggan.

Saturday Morning, May 18th.

Conference opened this morning with religious services by brother Thomson.

Brother Collier, by leave, introduced the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three ministers and three laymen be appointed, to take into consideration the practicability of estab-

recommending that the General Conference, in future, be invested with appellate jurisdiction, with the concurrence of the Annual Conferences, which report was laid on the table.

Brother Springer, of Committee on Executive, made report upon

the resolution of brother Carson, as follows:

"We recommend that to the 19th section, page 52 of the Discipline, the following be added: And shall have power to transfer to the unstationed list any minister or preacher, for whom they may not have an appointment."

Report laid upon the table.

Same brother submitted further report of same committee, as follows:

"The committee have considered the paper of brother Porter, inquiring how far the Constitution confers upon females and minors the right to vote in church matters, and are of opinion that they only possess the right of voting in the election of class leaders, in the appointment of committees of trial of accused members, in cases when trials are had before classes, in the recommendation of persons to exhort and to preach, and the reception of members into the church."

Report laid on the table.

Brother T. F. Norris asked and obtained leave of absence from the further sittings of this Conference after this forenoon.

On motion of brother Lipscomb, the order of business was sus-

pended, and it was

Resolved, That at 11 o'clock this day we proceed to determine at

what place the General Conference of 1854 shall sit.

Conference resumed for some time the consideration of the third item of the report of the Select Committee in reference to the Philadelphia Conference.

Pending a motion to adopt, the business was suspended, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of determining the place where the next

General Conference shall sit.

Brother Ragan nominated Steubenville, O.; brother Robison nominated Pittsburg, Pa., but afterwards withdrew the nomination; bro. Newbery nominated Charleston, S. C.

It was agreed that the roll be called, and each member vote, viva

voce. The following is the result:

For Charleston, S. C.—Brothers Smith, Budd, Wilson, Springer, Collier, Lipscomb, Whitfield, Paris, Wills, Newbery, Duggan, Johnston, Anderson, Lott, Graves, Burroughs, Woodhouse, Folger, Batchelor, Bass, Hall, Harrison and Loper—23.

For Steubenville, O.—Brothers Fister, G. Brown, Cowl, Robison, Clawson, Ragan, Burns, Bassett, Morrison, Bagley, Varden, Reese, Thomson, T. Brown, Clark, Deford, Miller, Phillips, Cone, Foster,

Rice, Starr, Hopper and Porter-24.

So Steubenville, O., having received a majority of the votes given, is determined to be the place where the next session of the General Conference is to be held, viz: in May, 1854.

Brother Woodhouse proposed an amendment to the Discipline at page 45, providing that in specified cases, the Quarterly Conference

"Provided, however, and it is expressly understood, that no member of this General Conference shall be held in any manner whatever responsible for any liabilities growing out of the action of this Conference, in the establishment or maintenance of said College, and that the corporate body alone shall be accountable for all pecuniary obligations of the Institution."

A motion, by brother Harrison, to refer the paper to a select com-

mittee was lost.

In taking the vote upon the paper of brother Brown, the yeas and nays were called for, and the vote taken by order. The following is the result:

MINISTERS.—Yeas—Brothers Smith, Brown, Cowl, Robison, Clawson, Burns, Springer, Bassett, Morrison, Collier, Varden, Lipscomb, Paris, Newbery and Graves—15.

Nays-Brothers Budd, Ragan, Reese, Whitfield, Thomson, Wills,

Duggan, Tucker, Anderson and Lott-10.

LAYMEN.—Yeas—Brothers Wyman, Brown, Clark, Deford, Miller, Phillips, Cone, Scott, Carson, Starr, Folger and Porter—12.

Nays—Brs. Foster, Batchelor, Bass, Hall, Harrison and Loper—6. So the preamble and resolutions of brother Brown, with the amendment, were adopted.

Brothers Wyman, Clawson and T. Brown, asked and obtained

leave of absence from further sittings of this Conference.

The commissioners provided for in the resolution just passed, were

now appointed by nomination and election, as follows:

Brother G. Brown, of Pittsburg district; J. G. Whitfield, of Virginia district; J. J. Smith, of New York district; C. Springer, of Muskingum district; Dr. John Arrington, of North Carolina district; William Collier, of Maryland district; and J. H. Deford, of Uniontown, Pa.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Lott.

Monday Morning, May 20th.

Conference met and was opened with religious services by brother Graves.

Brother Wills, (in behalf of brother Bassett, chairman,) of Committee on Statistics, submitted and read the report of said committee.

The report says:

"Your committee do not claim that the subjoined exhibit is perfect. They have been compelled to make up these statistics, partly from the Journals of Annual Conferences, partly from the published Minutes, and partly from verbal information; and regret that from all these sources, they cannot make their report as complete as is desirable. Notwithstanding the requirement of the Discipline, many of the Annual Conferences neglect publishing the statistical information required. Your committee therefore beg that the General Conference will call their most earnest attention to the matter. Owing to the neglect alluded to, our report shows but a small increase of numbers over that of the preceding General Conference, yet the committee believe that correct returns would have shown a more favorable exhibit of our numerical strength at the present time."

lishing foreign and territorial missions, and report to this Conference.

By territorial missions we mean such places as are beyond the limits of an Annual Conference district, or such as cannot be occupied by those Annual Conferences within whose districts said missions may be located.

Resolution adopted and committee ordered.

Conference resumed the consideration of the report of the Select Committee on the Literary Institution.

Various propositions to recommit, to lay on the table, &c., were made.

The discussion thereon occupied the time of Conference till the hour of adjournment arrived; when, pending a motion of brother Bass, to lay on the table the whole subject for the balance of the session, Conference adjourned with prayer by brother Basset.

Saturday Afternoon.

Conference was opened with religious services by brother Lott.
The President announced the names of the Select Committee on
Foreign and Territorial Missions, as follows: brothers Collier, Lott,
G. Brown, Harrison, Phillips and T. Brown.

The unfinished business of the forenoon was now resumed.

Brother Burns moved a division of the question, which was agreed to.

The first division of the motion, to lay on the table, prevailed; but Conference refused to concur in the second division, viz: "for the balance of the session."

Brother G. Brown now submitted the following paper:

"Whereas the Trustees of Madison College, Uniontown, Pa., have made an offer of said College to this General Conference; and whereas this General Conference, from a variety of considerations, feel very grateful for the aforesaid offer—therefore be it

"Resolved, 1. That in view of accepting of Madison College, this General Conference now proceed to appoint seven commissioners; one from Pittsburg district, one from Maryland, one from Muskingum, one from Virginia, one from North Carolina, one from New York, and one from Uniontown, whose duty it shall be to report to the Pittsburg Annual Conference at its next session.

"2. Should the commissioners report favorably, the Conference and the commissioners shall then proceed to select Trustees to take charge of the College property, and make the necessary arrangements for a commencement of operations.

"3. The said Trustees shall make annual reports to the Pittsburg Annual Conference, and likewise to each succeeding General Conference.

"4. Should the College be accepted, each Annual Conference entering into the arrangement, shall, in good faith, use its utmost endeavors to send students, and aid in the procurement of funds."

A motion, by brother Ragan, to lay on the table, was lost. Bro. Starr offered the following amendment, which was agreed to. would not be secured, and the right of each person to select their mode of baptism, page 101, would be contravened."

Report laid on the table.

Brother Morrison, of Committee on Boundaries, submitted a report recommending that the city and county of St. Louis, Mo., be annexed to the Ohio district, until the Missouri Conference can supply said city and county, and until the churches so attached, consent to such transfer to Missouri district.

Report laid upon the table.

Same brother submitted further report of same committee, as follows:

"The Committee on Boundaries, to whom was referred the letter of N. T. Catterlin, of the Wabash district, having had the subject under consideration, beg leave to report that they believe it to be inexpedient for this body to take action on the subject therein referred

to, and recommend the following for adoption:

"Resolved, That in the judgment of this General Conference, the interests of the Methodist Protestant Church would be promoted by the adoption of some measures to give more strength to the weaker Annual Conferences. We therefore recommend to the Indiana and Wabash Conferences, to take steps mutually for their

union into one Conference. The world bear a system of the work of the world bear and the

"Your committee beg leave further to report that we have had under consideration the communication from the Quarterly Conference of the Bridgeport and Woodbury circuit, New Jersey district, asking this body to attach the New Jersey Annual Conference to the Philadelphia district, (or otherwise they wish the said circuit attached to the said Philadelphia district,) and beg leave to report adversely; but recommend to the New Jersey Conference to attach itself to the New York Annual Conference, provided the New York Annual Conference agree thereto at its next session.

"All of which is respectfully submitted, and your committee asks

to be discharged."

The above report was adopted and the committee discharged.

Brother Collier, of Select Committee, appointed to inquire into the practicability of establishing Territorial and Foreign Missions, submitted and read a report, which was, on motion, laid upon the table.

[We regret to state that the report here referred to was subsequently withdrawn by the writer thereof, with leave of the Conference, before the Secretary had opportunity of copying it.]

The following resolutions offered by brother Graves were adopted:

"Resolved, 1. That the business upon the Secretary's table, [of which a list had been submitted,] be taken up and disposed of in the order presented by the different committees, after the report of the Literary Committee, last under consideration, shall have been disposed of.

"Resolved, 2. That the 10th Rule of Order be so amended as to change the time allowed to each speaker, from 25 to 10 minutes."

Brothers G. Brown, Phillips and Johnson, were at their request, on motion, excused from further attendance after to-day.

STATISTICS OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES.	Stations.	Circuits.	Missions.	Itinerant Ministers and Preachers.	Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.	Members.	Houses of Worship.	Parsonages.	Estimated Value of Church Property.
Maine,		6	1	10	4	500	101.3		LABEAU
Boston,	13	1		14	5	710	13		\$22,000
Vermont,	1	6	3	16	15	600	8	2	10,000
New York,	8	14	5	31	30	1735	31	1	50,000
Onondaga,	1	16	1	24	18	1179	11	5	6,790
Genesee,	2	13		20	7	950	6	1	10,800
New Jersey, -		7	1	8	16	702	10	Service Control	8,000
Philadelphia, -	3	1	6	7	13	1000	9		45,800
Pennsylvania, -		9	2201/2000	13	21	696	4		1,000
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Muskingum, -	4	33	7	62	70	6083	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	8	61,525
Ohio,	4	22	5	46	50	5000	78	5	64,000
Michigan,		16	1	29	37	1601	4	torq i	1,800
Indiana,		. 8	2	15	24	1500	25	ov la	15,000
Wabash,		9	3	19	16	1174	5	2	1,400
Illinois,		21	2	24	40	2500	13	4	7,800
North Illinois, -	1	9	10	34	12	1300	8	2	3,500
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Maryland,	8	27	3	59	72	6475	110	12	170,000
Virginia,	3	13	7	28	22	3118		2	43,500
North Carolina,	014	10	0.1	24	21	4486			14,000
South Carolina,	1	3	2	6	7	1400	FILE 17. 1	b m	29,500
Tennessee,		9	2	25	27	1537	The second of the second of the second	maill	18,000
Georgia,		11	3	39	25	2253		1	5,000
Florida,	1	5		12		710			5,400
Alabama,	4	12	7	47	35	4711	73	2	35,000
Huntsville,		7		17	13	876			
Mississippi,	47015	6	2 2	23	18	1333			9,100
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Arkansas,		6	4	16	14	754			3,000
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Texas,		5	5	14	i i i	550		altaisi	go sottim
Total, '- ', -	63	351	104	778	697	64,219	803	57	\$708,415

Number of ministers and preachers, itinerant and unstationed, 1,475, which added to the number of members, makes a total of 65,694.

The above report of Committee on Statistics was adopted.

Brother Springer submitted an additional report of Executive Committee, on the resolution of brother Johnson, on the re-baptizing of believers who might desire it, who had been baptized in infancy.

"The committee are of opinion, notwithstanding they admit the validity of infant baptism, that in such cases it would be proper to re-baptize, otherwise the right of "private judgment in matters of religion," as per 4th Elementary Principle, Discipline, page 14,

favorable exhibit of our numerical strength at the present

ence, with a request that each member will examine said list and give such information to the Agent as he may possess, as may tend to the collection of the same.

"Another item in list of assets, to wit, the stereotyped plates, we deem it prudent to dispose of, and a resolution accompanying this

report authorizes the sale of the same.

"In looking forward to the period when this department shall have accumulated a surplus, we deem it proper to give an expression of opinion as to the principles which shall govern its distribution, and have herewith set forth the same in the annexed resolutions:

"Resolved, 1. That the Board of Directors be authorized and instructed to furnish annually through its President, to each Conference district, a list of all delinquent subscribers, and such other matter pertaining to the Book Concern and periodical as they may

deem advisable.

"Resolved, 2. That we recommend to each Annual Conference the propriety and importance of establishing such a system of finance as will promote the interests of the book and periodical department.

"Resolved, 3. That a sale be made by the Directors, of the stereotyped plates of Clarke's Commentary, Pearl Testament, and Mosheim's Church History, upon such terms as they may deem advisable.

"Resolved, 4. That whenever the Book and Periodical Department shall have discharged all liabilities and shall have accumulated the sum of five thousand dollars, in cash or available assets, said sum shall be held and deemed as its capital and not liable to distribution.

"Resolved, 5. That whenever the additional sum of five thousand dollars shall be earned, the President and Directors shall proceed to make a distribution of said surplus, among the different Conference districts, in proportion to the amount received from said districts.

"Resolved, 6. That each Annual Conference be requested to ap-

point some Agent to receive their proportion of said funds.

"Resolved, 7. That in the opinion of your committee, our paper, the Methodist Protestant, should present more fully and frequently the distinctive features of our church polity.

"Resolved, 8. That the Book Committee be directed, in accordance with the regulations of the Discipline, to publish annually the

number of subscribers in each State or Conference district.

"Resolved, 9. That the regulations on page 132 of the Discipline be so amended as to read that the salary of the Book Agent and editor shall be eleven hundred dollars instead of nine hundred dollars."

report the Concern as showing a balance in its favor, should we realize our expectations is collecting questanding debts, (independently of the plates in gagations) of between hours and five thousand dollars.

It is our ranges to show briefly how this has been effected. The

unredicamed scrip, with interest, at the time the present board came

The report of Literary Committee on the Book Concern and Church Periodical, submitted on Friday last, was now taken up, considered and adopted, as follows:

"Upon examination we are gratified to state that the financial condition of the Book and Periodical department shows a decided

improvement.

"We have had access to the books and papers of the Concern, which were promptly furnished by the editor and Agent, and find them to be correctly kept, and represent the figures as shown by the report of the President and Directors, which report gives a history of its moneyed affairs since the sitting of the last General Conference, (and which is hereto annexed,) with an exhibit of liabilities and assets, showing an excess of \$9,792 27 up to 1st March.*

"You will perceive that one of the items in list of assets consists of accounts past due. The Board of Directors doubtless found it difficult to arrive at a satisfactory estimate of this item, the defaulters residing in various and distant parts of the Union. Your committee are of opinion, however, that a full allowance has been made, and indeed we are inclined to the opinion that if an efficient system of collection was adopted by each Annual Conference, it would tend not only to the collection of the debts referred to above, but we believe would have a tendency to extend the circulation of our paper and increase the sale of our books, both being considerations of much importance. Having been furnished with the books containing the list of defaulters, we herewith present it to the Confer-

*The following is the exhibit referred to:

ASSETS

Stereotyped plates of Clarke, Mosheim, and Pearl Testament,	h of L	
passed to us at \$5150; but having once used the plates of	2-2-0	22
Clarke, we put them at \$100 less, viz:	\$5050	B. 18
Hymn Book plates cost \$400: we deduct \$50 for use,	350	
Our present stock of books is worth,	2100	00
We have collected book debts amounting to,	2500	00
Present subscribers to Meth. Prot. including 16th vol. we put at	5200	00
Collectable from discontinued subscribers,	750	00
Forty-nine reams of printing paper at cost price,	159	25
Cash on hand,	293	69
adrawn by the writer thereof, with leave of the Cohler-	16,402	94
LIABILITIES.	100	
Superannuated Fund Society of Maryland Conference, payable	101 00	
after 1st December, 1852, in installments of \$200 annually,	\$1800	00
Notes payable (\$100 every two months,)	1036	
Sundry debts to book dealers, paper makers, and other current ac-	r pres	ibu
counts, over 1 - 12 - 12 - 12 - 12 - 12 - 12 - 12 -	1313	99
Phæbean Society,	800	00
Interest due Phœbean Society to March 1st,	4 3 7 4 3 5 5	00
Estimated outlay for completing present volume Meth. Protestant,		
Interest due on donations drawing an annuity in books, -	106	
excused from further attendance after to-day.	\$6610	67

into service, after the payment of thirty-five hundred dollars of the cash then in hand for that purpose, amounted to \$6,294 82, viz:

98 shares at \$50 (held by sundry persons,) - - \$4,900 00 Inetrest due at the time of the Committee's estimate, - - 1,394 82

\$6,294 82

The whole scrip has been taken up, with the exception of 16 shares (amounting to \$800) held by the Phæbean Society of Baltimore, on which interest has been paid annually, and which the

Directory can redeem at its pleasure.

The interest due on the scrip was relinquished by the holders, who, in imitation of the example of brother Wesley Starr, donated it to the Concern. The amount held by brother Starr (formerly held by the late Rev. James R. Williams) was for \$1,400, with interest amounting to \$805. This interest brother Starr generously gave as a donation to the church together with \$350 of the principal. He, moreover, gave other \$350 to the Concern on condition that during his life time the sum of twenty dollars annually should be paid, in Books, to the Western Station Sunday School, Baltimore, making in all a donation to the Book Concern from brother Starr, of \$1,505; subject to a life annuity in books, as aforesaid, of \$20. For a statement at length on this subject, see Report to Maryland Annual Conference, 1849—a copy of which accompanies this. The remaining holders generously followed this example, and with the exception of that belonging to the Managers of the Superannuated Fund Society of the Maryland Annual Conference, which was otherwise negotiated as will appear hereafter, and that held by the Phæbean Society aforesaid, received from the agent in cash, the amount of the principal for which the scrip was issued.

Previously to this, Br. Wesley Starr had loaned the Book Concern \$1,700, with which we issued an edition of Clarke's Commentary. The notes given to brother Starr had matured, but the Concern was not in funds to enable them to meet the engagement. To relieve the board of the difficulty, brother Starr proposed a donation of \$1,000 of this amount to the Superannuated Fund Society of the Maryland Annual Conference, on condition that that Society would relinquish the interest due them by the Book Concern on \$800 of the Scrip which they held, return the scrip to the Book Concern, and take in its stead a transfer of the mortgage which said Starr held on the assets, for the sum of eighteen hundred dollars: being the amount of the Scrip without interest, and the one thousand dollars which he gave said Society; provided further, that the Superannuated Fund Society receive from the Book Concern the payment of two hundred dollars annually after the 1st day of December, 1852, until the sum be paid—and that no interest be charged until after the first pay-This proposition was carried into effect by the parties con-

cerned.

By these donations, the Book Agent was enabled to redeem the Scrip, without interest, and at the same time, so to arrange the pe-

REPORT OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE.

To the President and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Directors of the Book Concern of the Methodist Protestant Church, beg leave respectfully to submit the following report, showing the history of the Book Depart-

ment and periodical since the last session of your body.

In the month of October, 1846, a sum amounting to \$5,047, matured for payment, for which the following brethren were personally responsible, viz: P. S. Chappell, B. H. Richardson, C. W. Ridgely and William L. Richardson. The amount of cash in hand fell short some fifteen hundred dollars of the sum to be paid, and the brethren who had been responsible being desirous to retire from the Board, were not willing to enter into any farther negotiations involving personal responsibility. Arrangements were however made, by which the personal responsibility was transferred from these brethren to brothers Wesley Starr, John Coates, and James R. Williams; the two former of whom were elected members of the Board on the resignation of the brethren above mentioned. Things being thus amicably settled, the new Directory proceeded at once to the prosecution of the business of the church.

By a report from an examining committee appointed by the old Board, to determine the actual worth of the Book Concern and periodical—which report has been published in the Methodist Protestant, and a copy of which accompanies this document—it will be perceived that with liabilities amounting to over \$14,000, the balance in favor of the Book Concern, from an estimate of its supposed assets and collectable debts, was \$63 18. This was truly discouraging. The money made by the labors of the former members of the Directory had been absorbed in the payment of debts due by the periodical when it came into their hands, and in the amount of "Church Scrip" issued under the direction of the General Conference, a portion of which they had already paid; together with the loss by nonpayment of debtors. The stock of plates which they held as security from the Book Company for the amount of scrip issued, had depreciated to half its original value, which accounts for the depressed condition in which your present Board of Directors found this department of our church interest.

The stock of plates (Clarke, Mosheim, and a Pearl Testament,) cost us \$10,500. They were put down at a nominal value of \$5,100 when they passed into the hands of your present Board of Directors. It is decidedly our impression that these plates should be sold if a purchaser can be secured. We are happy to be able at this time to report the Concern as showing a balance in its favor, should we realize our expectations in collecting outstanding debts, (independently of the plates in question,) of between four and five thousand dollars.

It is our purpose to show briefly how this has been effected. The unredeemed scrip, with interest, at the time the present board came

erally. Had we five thousand subscribers, the profit it would yield to the church annually, might be appropriated greatly to the improvement of our church interests. Cannot that number be speedily secured?

At the last report to your body the subscribers to the paper amounted to 2,337. The accompanying list will show that there has been an increase of 850, the present number being 3,187,—80 of whom we purpose soon to erase for non-payments. The receipts from the present and for past volumes, since the commencement of the current volume, have been very encouraging, and if continued to the end of the volume in the same rate, will show a very hand-some profit in this department: from \$1,500 to \$1,700 more in current receipts than the portion of expenses properly belonging to the paper department.

During the past four years, there have been issued ten thousand copies of our Hymn Book: the last edition of which is now nearly exhausted: and a new edition of three thousand copies on better paper than that formerly used is now in press, and will be ready for delivery soon after the rise of the General Conference. Of this

work we have a handsome set of stereotype plates.

Of the 500 copies of Clarke's Commentary issued in 1847, about 300 copies had been sold up to March 1, 1850. We have also sold

about 3,000 copies of the Discipline.

In 1849, was issued a revised edition of Revival Hymns, numbering three thousand copies: about eighteen hundred of which have been sold.

The profits on the Book Business are inconsiderable,—probably little more than will pay its proportion of the general expenses of the Concern. It is hoped, however, that this department will im-

prove with the extension of our paper interests.

The receipts and disbursements of the Book Agent are examined quarterly, by a committee appointed by the Board, and have been found to be accurate and satisfactory. A weekly publication is made through the Methodist Protestant of the funds received, a transcript of which is made in a book kept for the purpose; the aggregates being carried into the cash book, and audited by the committee above mentioned. Should the General Conference desire any further examination of the Books, and of the minutes of the Book Directory, the Book Agent will take pleasure in affording them every possible facility in such examination.

It is with feelings of melancholy that the Board refer to the death of one who was for many years an active and leading member of the Book Directory. Rev. James R. Williams is no more with us. A few months previous to his dissolution he resigned his place in the Board, being unable from physical infirmity to give that attention to its interests, which he had formerly rendered. His voice will no more be heard in the councils of the church: but his memory will ever be associated with the history of her pioneers: and we have the consolation to feel assured that he now rests from his labors in

heaven.

riods of payment for the new debts, as to give the Concern ample time to discharge its obligations without the least embarrassment in

its operations.

In addition to the above we would call the attention of the General Conference to the liberality of Miss T. A. Hughlett, (now Mrs. Levi R. Reese,) of Maryland, who in April, 1847, placed in the hands of the Book Agent one thousand dollars, to be appropriated to the benefit of the Book Concern, subject to an interest during her life time of sixty dollars worth of books annually, for distribution as she may suggest. Subsequently the same lady gave to the Concern five hundred dollars additional, to draw annually thirty dollars worth of books for the benefit of the Maryland Annual Conference, with the proviso, that if at any time the Book Concern prefer to return the money instead of continuing the annuity, the sum shall be paid over to the Superannuated Fund Society of the Maryland Annual Conference.

By the above statement, it will be seen that the financial condition of the Book Concern has improved since your last session, by the generosity of its friends, and in addition to the profits of the business, to the following amounts, viz:

Donation in interest and debts from Wesley Starr (subject to a life annuity of \$20 in S. S. Books,) - - - \$1,505 00 Donation from Mrs. L. R. Reese, (drawing an annuity in books) 1,500 00 Interest on other claims, and sundry small donations, say, - *300 00

\$3,305 00

By reference to the report to the Maryland Annual Conference at its late session, (a copy of which is herewith presented,) it will appear that the Book Concern, during the last four years, has improved from a very depressed to a very easy condition, to say the least. It is now unembarrassed; and with its present facilities, will soon be able to pay every claim that is against it, and own whatever its debts and its stock on hand may be worth. Our past history admonishes us not to be too confident in reference to the debts due us by subscribers to the Methodist Protestant. We feel safe in calculating only upon actual receipts. Were the subscribers of the paper, and those who have formerly taken it, promptly to pay the Church what is due from them, we should not only be able to pay all we owe at once, but have a surplus of several thousand dollars, from this department alone. How much we shall realize, the justice of those who owe us and the energy of our agents must determine.

The directory respectfully suggest that some method be devised by the General Conference to awaken a fresh interest in extending the circulation of our Church Organ. We cannot resist the conviction that its subscribers might be increased twofold in a single twelvementh, were a proper interest taken in it, by the brethren gen-

^{*}This item should be \$800. The amount of interest relinquished by the Superannuated Fund Society spoken of in the report, having been omitted in this item.—Book Agent.

ination and election, and resulted in the choice of the former members without change, as follows: F. Waters, W. Starr, Jos. Brown, John Coates, J. W. Richardson, R. B. Varden.

Brother G. Brown offered the following:

"Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to inquire into the propriety of appending the following to paragraph 8, page

50, of the Discipline:

"A superannuated minister shall likewise have a seat in the Quarterly Conference of the circuit or station where he may reside, and be ultimately responsible to the Annual Conference."

Referred to Committee on Executive.

Brother G. Brown, of Committee on Judiciary, submitted a report as follows:

"On the papers referred to your committee in relation to the committee to aid and advise the superintendent, the committee report the

following to be added to item 4, page 45 of the Discipline.

"But when ministers cannot be had, this committee may, in part or whole, be composed of preachers or laymen: provided nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorize laymen to perform other than advisory duties."

Report laid upon the table.

Conference took into consideration the report of Committee on Judiciary, submitted May 10th, on constituting a committee of trial in part of laymen, to try ministers, in certain cases.

A motion to adopt this report was lost.

The report of same committee, submitted same day, respecting the balance of power in the Annual Conferences, was next considered.

An amendment offered by brother Starr, was under consideration

when the hour for adjournment arrived.

Brother Anderson, the Assistant Secretary, having declined through ill health, brother Wills was, on motion, requested to serve as Assistant Secretary for the remaining part of the session.

Conference adjourned with prayer by brother Thomson.

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Conference opened with prayer by brother Bagley.

The business on hand at last adjournment was resumed.

On motion of brother Springer, the report of Committee on Judiciary, with the amendment under consideration, was laid on the table.

The report of Committee on Orders, (No. 1,) recommending for the Annual Conferences to express their views to the General Conference of 1854, touching the continuance of the order of deacon, was now considered.

After some discussion upon a motion to adopt, it was moved that the motion and report be laid upon the table, which was agreed to.

The report of Committee on Executive, in response to the resolution of the Ohio and Indiana Conferences, was next considered, recommending to insert a 5th section to the duties of Trustees, at page

On the resignation of Rev. James R. Williams, Rev. Francis Waters, D. D., was elected President of the Board of Directors—under the present organization of which, the following brethren are members:—Rev. F. Waters, D. D., President; Mr. Wesley Starr, Treasurer; Mr. Joseph Brown, Secretary; Rev. L. W. Bates, of West Baltimore Station, Rev. W. T. Wright, of East Baltimore, Messrs. Jno. Coates, Robt. B. Varden, and John W. Richardson.

Hoping that this brief recital of the results of our administration will be satisfactory, and with our ardent solicitudes for the future success of the Book and Periodical departments, we remain, dear

brethren, Yours in the bonds of a peaceful Gospel,

FRANCIS WATERS,
L. W. BATES,
W. T. WRIGHT,
VESLEY STARR,
JOSEPH BROWN,
JOHN COATES,
JOHN W. RICHARDSON,
ROBERT B. VARDEN.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO METHODIST PROTESTANT.

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California,	1944 1 0001 (1	Tennessee,	103	3
Wisconsin,	1 1	Maine,	eaigea (1)0	a mode
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"Resolved, That the editor of the Methodist Protestant be, and he is hereby authorized to make the best arrangement he can with local agents in the respective Conference districts, for the collection of such balances as are now due from discontinued subscribers on the church paper."

The order of business was now suspended for the purpose of electing the Book Agent and editor, by ballot. The result was as fol-

lows: for E. Y. Reese, 39; for A. H. Bassett, 1.

So E. Y. Reese was re-elected editor and Book Agent for the ensuing four years.

The election of the Book Directory was then attended to, by nom-

Annual Conferences may be stationed, if those bodies see proper to do so."

The report of Committee on Judiciary, in reference to taking written testimony, was next considered. A motion to lay upon the table was pending when the hour of adjournment arrived.

Conference adjourned with prayer by brother Lott.

Monday Night.

Conference met at 8 o'clock, P. M., by order of last adjournment,

and was opened with religious services by br. Lott.

The report of Committee on Judiciary, last under consideration, was now disposed of in the manner following. The previous question being called for, the vote was taken, and the report adopted as follows:

"After due consideration, the committee agree to report the following to the Conference for adoption, to be appended to Section 2,

of Discipline, page 37.

"And provided further, that in all cases where written testimony is to be taken, due notice thereof shall be given to the opposite party of the time and place of taking such testimony, in view of cross-examination."

Another report of same committee, was also adopted, as follows: "The committee recommend the following to be inserted on page

67, after the words, 'prosecute the case.'

"But for the neglect of duties required by the word of God, or the indulgence in sinful words and tempers, as specified in the Constitution, Article XIII, Section 2d, before a committee of inquiry is appointed, at least three admonitions shall have been given to the offender, by the Superintendent or the class-leader."

The report of same committee, defining what is an "efficient itinerant ministry," was next considered, and, on motion, laid on the

table.

The following report of Committee on Boundaries, was next con-

sidered and adopted:

"The committee recommend the following alteration of the boundary line between the Genesee and Pennsylvania Districts, to wit: That the North Eastern line begin where the East Pre-emption line intersects Lake Ontario, thence following that line to Pennsylvania State line, thence along said line West, to the waters of Lake Erie."

The following report of same committee was also considered and

adopted:

"The Committee on Boundaries report on the memorial and papers from Missouri, a recommendation that Missouri be recognized as an Annual Conference District connected with this body, and that its

present boundaries be the State boundaries."

The report of same committee, recommending to attach the city and county of St. Louis, Missouri, to the Ohio District, was next taken up, and after some discussion, the report was laid upon the table.

71 of the Discipline, providing that when a society or station shall become extinct, the church property, if any, shall vest in the Quarterly Conference of the circuit, or in the Annual Conference, if there be no Quarterly Conference.

The report was adopted.

The report of same committee, recommending to insert a clause in the Discipline, at page 56, authorizing the President and Standing District Committee, when necessity requires, to change the time or place of the meeting of an Annual Conference, was considered and adopted.

The report of Committee on Judiciary, recommending to insert a provision at page 50 of the Discipline, requiring that ministers and preachers, coming from other denominations, shall be received and recommended by a Quarterly Conference, before being received into

the itinerancy, was considered and adopted.

The report of Committee on Orders, (No. 2,) adverse to the proposition to authorize a committee, in certain cases, to examine candidates for the ministry, in the interval of the Annual Conference, in their neighborhood or circuit, was next considered; but after some discussion, was laid upon the table.

The report of Committee on Judiciary, adverse to the proposition to strike out the note at the foot of page 48 of the Discipline, was

taken up, considered and adopted.

The report of same committee on admitting new testimony in cases of appeals, was taken up. Well and the state of the state

Amendments offered by brothers Ragan and Morrison were agreed to. u saw especial Challeng and the reword to escale

The report as amended was adopted, as follows:

"The committee report the following addition to the law governing appeals, at the end of section 17, page 52 of the Discipline:

"In all cases of appeals, where the appellant requests the Quarterly or Annual Conference to enter into the merits of the cause, new testimony shall be admitted, and the Conference shall make its own decision, by a modification of the report of the Judicial Committee, according to the law and evidence in the case; provided that the appellant signify, at the time of taking the appeal, his intention to go into the merits of the cause."

The report of Committee on Executive, in reference to giving stations to the President, was next considered and adopted, as fol-

lows:

"The committee are very desirous that a rule should be passed by the General Conference, to give the Annual Conferences power to give their respective Presidents stationary appointments, if they should see proper so to do. But they are of the opinion that the Constitution, Art. xi, section 2, prohibits the passage of such a rule, unless it be first recommended by the Annual Conferences. They therefore recommend to pass the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Annual Conferences be respectfully requested to recommend in writing, as per Art. xvii, Constitution, to the next General Conference, to pass a rule, by which the Presidents of the The following report of Committee on Boundaries was considered

and adopted:

"Your committee recommend that the General Conference sanction the change of boundaries of the New York and New Jersey districts, as agreed upon by those Conferences."

At 111 o'clock, P. M., Conference adjourned with the benediction

by the President.

Tuesday Morning, May 21.

Conference opened with religious exercises by brother Lipscomb. By leave, brother Starr introduced the following resolution, which

was adopted:

Resolved, That should our Commissioners, or a majority of them, agree to accept of Madison College, they shall not give that Institution any pecuniary claims on the Book Concern, the Church Paper, or any other property belonging to the General Conference.

Brother Springer, of Committee on Executive, submitted the fol-

lowing report, which was, on motion, adopted:

"The Executive Committee, in reference to the resolution of brother G. Brown, recommend to add the following to Section 8, page 50, of the Discipline.

"A superannuated minister shall likewise have a seat in the Quarterly Conference of the circuit or station where he may reside,

and be ultimately responsible to the Annual Conference."

The report of Committee on Boundaries, setting off a new Conference district in Oregon and California, was taken up, and on motion laid upon the table.

The following report of same committee, was next considered and

adopted:

"Your committee recommend that Texas be recognized as a District Annual Conference, connected with this body, as per present boundaries."

The reports of majority and minority of same committee, in reference to the New Jersey district, were next considered, and on motion, laid upon the table.

The report, in part, of the Literary Committee, was next con-

sidered.

The first division of the Report was on motion adopted, as follows:

"(1.) On the resolution of the Ohio and Indiana Conferences, recommending the establishing of a Book Concern in the West, the committee would say, that while they would regard such a measure very desirable, yet in view of the present condition of the Book Concern, they deem it inexpedient."

The second division of the report was considered. A debate upon the proposed measure ensued, and a motion to postpone was lost.

The second division of the report was finally adopted, as follows: "(2.) In regard to the request of the Indiana Conference, that the Declaration of Rights be printed in future editions of the Discipline, they recommend that it be so ordered." . the plates of the laves

Brother Lipscomb offered the following:

It was then moved by brother Rice, that the St. Louis Station be annexed to the Ohio Conference temporarily, provided the Missouri

Conference consent thereto, which motion prevailed.

The report of Committee on Journals having reference to the act of the Maryland Conference, in admitting to a seat as delegate, at its late session, an unstationed minister, was next taken up, and on motion laid on the table.

The report of same committee, in reference to the matter of complaint sent up from the Mississippi Conference, proposing no action, as the Journals of said Conference are not submitted for inspection, and as the letter received is unofficial, was considered and adopted.

The following report of Executive Committee, was now considered

and adopted:

"The Executive Committee, in response to brother S. Budd's resolution, recommend to add to Section 8, on page 39 of Discipline, the following:

"But in default of pursuing the above course, here recommended,

no charge shall lie against the minister or member."

The rule was on motion suspended, to allow brother G. Brown to

introduce the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the boundary of the Pittsburg District be altered, so as to include Clearfield circuit, which now belongs to the Maryland district.

The report of Judiciary Committee, in reference to appellate jurisdiction by the General Conference, was taken up and considered

by sections, and adopted, as follows:

"(1.) Whereas it is now an admitted fact that the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, has no constitutional

authority to hear and decide on appeals;

"(2.) And whereas experience, from the commencement of our church organization, has taught us that the General Conference should have appellate jurisdiction, in view of the protection of ministerial character, and for the correction of mal-administration, &c. Therefore, be it

"(3.) Resolved, That the several Annual Conferences be, and they are hereby requested to take action in the premises; and if they judge best, recommend to the next General Conference so to alter the Constitution and Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church, as to clothe the General Conference with authority to hear and decide on appeals."

On the third division of the above Report, the vote was taken by

order, and the result is as follows:

MINISTERS.—Yeas—Brothers Smith, Fister, Budd, Brown, Cowl, Ragan, Burns, Springer, Morrison, Bagley, Collier, Reese, Newbery, and Horne—14.

Nays-Brothers Robison, Bassett, Lipscomb, Whitfield, Thom-

son, Paris, Wills, Tucker, Anderson, and Lott-10.

LAYMEN. — Yeas — Brothers Clarke, Miller, Cone, Scott, Carson, Starr, Folger, and Batchelor—8.

Nays-Brothers Foster, Rice, Bass, and Porter-4.

plates of their portraits, your committee beg leave to say, that however desirable, under other circumstances, it might be for the Church to own said plates, the present condition of the Church funds

will render it inexpedient to accede to the offer.

The report of Committee on Journals, having reference to an irregularity, in changing the time of holding the session of Indiana Conference in 1847, was taken up, and on motion, laid on the table. Provision had been made for similar exigencies in future, by the adoption of a report of another committee.

The report of same committee, having reference to the act of the Muskingum Conference, in setting off the Cadiz appointment from Mt. Pleasant circuit, without the concurrence of both the delegates,

was next considered.

The report was, on motion, laid upon the table for the purpose of

taking up the following resolution offered by brother Scott:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this General Conference, it is illegal for an Annual Conference, under any circumstances, to take a society from a circuit or station, without the consent of the delegate or delegates representing the same.

After some discussion of this resolution it was, on motion, laid

upon the table.

The report of Committee on Journals, having reference to the protest of certain members of the Philadelphia Conference, against a certain act of said Conference, came next in order of business, and was on motion, laid upon the table.

The report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was next taken up

and considered.

On motion of brother Bagley, the report was so amended as to retain section 7, page 62 of the Discipline, and insert after it the new provision recommended in the report.

The report as amended was adopted, and the following is to be

inserted at page 62, after section 7.

"That each superintendent organize, as far as practicable, Sabbath schools, at each appointment within his charge, and report to the ensuing Annual Conference, the number of Sabbath schools, superintendents, teachers, scholars and volumes in library."

Another report of Literary Committee was next considered by

sections and disposed of.

The first division of the report, adverse to the proposition of bro. Graves, inquiring into the propriety of instructing the Book Agent to furnish books without the cash in hand, to agents appointed by Annual Conferences, was adopted.

The second division of the report, adverse to the proposition of brother Carson, that a book be compiled, embracing the Constitution and Discipline, with a selection of hymns from our Church Hymn

Book, at a price not to exceed 25 cents, was adopted.

The third division of the report having reference to the offer of J. H. Richards, to sell to the General Conference the press, type, &c., of the Onondaga Conference; that it is improper to make the purchase, was adopted.

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Resolved, That the document just ordered to be placed in the Discipline, be accompanied by the following prefix: "A Declaration of Ecclesiastical Rights, by the Rev. H. B. Bascom, of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

Amendments were offered by brothers Starr, Hall and Ragan,

which were severally laid upon the table.

The resolution of brother Lipscomb was lost.

The rule having been suspended, brother Bassett offered the fol-

lowing resolution, which was adopted, by rising vote:

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this General Conference be tendered to our friends of the city of Baltimore, for their kind hospitality in the entertainment of its members, during the present session.

Brother Ragan offered the following, which was unanimously

adopted:

Resolved, That this General Conference express its thanks, on behalf of the Church, to Mr. Wesley Starr, Mrs. Levi R. Reese, and all other donors to the Book Concern, for their liberal contributions, as mentioned in the Report of the Board of Directory.

The third division of the report of Literary Committee was now

considered and discussed at some length.

Amendments offered by brothers Whitfield and Bassett were agreed to, and the third division of the report was adopted, as follows:

"(3.) Having duly considered the paper from brother Whitfield, referred to them by the Conference, they are prepared to recommend the reprint by the Book Committee, of the pamphlet of Rev. A. M'Caine, entitled "Defence of the Truth," and that the Book Directory be requested to correspond with Rev. A. M'Caine, and obtain his consent thereto."

The vote upon the adoption of this portion of the report, was taken

by order, and stands as follows:

MINISTERS.—Yeas—Brothers Budd, Ragan, Morrison, Bagley, Whitfield, Thomson, Wills, Newbery, Duggan, Anderson, Lott, Graves, and Horne—13.

Nays-Brothers Cowl, Robison, Springer, Bassett, Collier, Var-

den, Reese, and Lipscomb-8.

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LAYMEN.—Yeas—Brothers Clark, Cone, Carson, Folger, Batchelor, Hall, and Loper—7.

Nays—Brothers Foster and Starr—2.

Conference adjourned with prayer by brother Morrison.

Tuesday Afternoon.

Conference opened with religious exercises by brother Wills.
The rule being suspended at request of the Secretary, the Minutes of forenoon session were read and approved.

The fourth division of the report of Literary Committee was next

considered and adopted, as follows:

"(4.) On the proposition of W. S. Stockton for the purchase of the plates of the Lives of the Wesleys, by Dr. Whitehead, and the The report of Committee on Judiciary, submitted on Monday 20th, providing that the advisory committee to the superintendent may be composed of preachers or laymen when ministers cannot be had,

was considered and adopted.

The proposition of brother T. F. Norris, to order the publication of a duodecimo edition of the Church Hymn Book, was called up, and on motion laid on the table. [It is understood that the Book Agent has it in view to issue such edition, under authority of a previous General Conference.]

The report of Committee on Foreign and Territorial Missions was taken up, and was under discussion till the hour of adjournment arrived. Conference adjourned with prayer by brother Springer.

Tuesday Night.

Conference met at 8 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with religious exercises by brother Robison.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

The consideration of the report of Committee on Foreign and Territorial Missions was resumed. Several amendments offered by brother Springer were agreed to.

After some time spent in the discussion of the merits of the plan of operations proposed in the report, the chairman of the committee

asked and obtained leave to withdraw the paper.

On motion, it was agreed that Conference proceed to appoint the

Board of Foreign Missions.

Brother Burns moved to amend the Discipline at page 73, by striking out the word "Baltimore" and inserting Pittsburg, so that the Board of Foreign Missions shall hereafter be located in Pittsburg. Agreed to. So the location of the Board is changed to Pittsburg.

The following named brethren were severally nominated and ap-

pointed members of the Board of Foreign Missions:

Ministers.—Wm. Collier, Georgetown, D. C.; C. Avery, Pittsburg, Pa.; G. Brown, Connellsville, Pa.; and the superintendents of Pittsburg and Alleghany stations.

Laymen.—J. L. Sands, W. Troth and J. Mecaskey, Pittsburg, Pa.; Wm. Miller, Alleghany city, Pa.; J. W. Phillips, Uniontown,

Pa.; T. Hanna and M. M. Laughlin, Steubenville, O.

Brother Ragan offered the following resolution which was adopted: Resolved, That brother A. H. Bassett, the Secretary, be requested to take charge of the documents, and record in a suitable and permanent book, the Journals of the several sessions of the General Conference, and of the foregoing Conventions, and that the Book Committee render him a fair compensation for this service.

Brother Springer moved that a committee of three be appointed to

revise the Discipline, which was agreed to.

The President announced the following to be the committee for this purpose: brothers E. Y. Reese, A. H. Bassett and Wesley Starr.

Brother Duggan offered the following resolution, which was adopted by rising vote, the motion being put by brother Whitfield.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be unanimously

The fourth division of the report, on the recommendation of the Ohio and Indiana Conferences, to purchase from A. H. Bassett the press and appendages of the Western Recorder establishment, for the purpose of establishing a Western Methodist Protestant as a church paper; that in view of the circumstances, such an arrangement would be inexpedient at the present time, was adopted.

The report of Committee on Finance, embracing amendments recommended by the Maryland Conference, came next in the order of

business for consideration.

Brother Starr moved to amend by striking out all that relates to inserting the word salary; and by substituting the word 'allowance' where 'salary' occurs. Agreed to.

The report as amended was adopted as follows:

"In the 2d section, page 128 of the Discipline, strike out "and other family expenses," and insert "table supplies, fuel, and other family expenses."

"Insert in the 3d section, page 43, the following:

"The first Quarterly Conference, in each Conference year, shall appoint a committee, whose duty it shall be to consider the allowance of the minister or ministers, and report for adoption such laws as shall be deemed necessary for his support. The said committee shall set down in the report the items of expenditure agreeably to the Rules on page 128, and submit it to the Conference in the following form:

"We recommend to the Quarterly Conference that our married

minister's allowance for the current year shall be as follows:

"On circuits an additional provision shall be made for horse feed.
"We recommend the above, with the addition of, 'as now regulated by the Discipline,' after 'disciplinary allowance' in the for-

mer."

The reports of same committee, adverse to the propositions of brothers Anderson and Scott, to make certain changes of the Discipline, in reference to allowance of ministers and preachers, were adopted.

The report of Committee on Executive, on the proposition of bro. Carson, to authorize Annual Conferences to transfer to the unstationed list a minister for whom they may not have an appointment,

was next considered, and on motion laid upon the table.

The report of same committee, respecting the suffrage of females and minors in the Methodist Protestant Church, as submitted on Friday 17th inst., was taken up.

On motion of brother Starr, the report was amended by inserting after "accused members," the words "belonging to the classes in

which they meet."

The report as amended was adopted.

The report of same committee, on the re-baptizing of believers, submitted on Monday 20th, was now considered, and on motion laid upon the table.